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Ben Jedid stops in Damascus

DAMASCUS, April 1 (AP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid here unexpectedly today while on his way home to Algeria after the completion of his 10-nation tour of Arab states. The Algerian leader was scheduled to stop in Tripoli, for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, but he decided to break his journey to brief President Assad of Syria on the outcome of his talks with Arab leaders and to be informed of the progress of Syrian efforts to a summit conference here later in the month of Arab League summit. Benjedid is also anxious to act as a mediator to Mr. Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Mr. Qadhafi, who quarrelled bitterly over tactics.

Commando time bomb blasts Tiberias

DAMASCUS, April 1 (R) — Palestinian commandos said here tonight they destroyed a car in an Israeli parking lot at Tiberias early today with a time bomb. The Palestine News Agency (WAF) quoted a commando spokesman as saying that the blast caused serious damage to other cars. (In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman claimed that the car belonged to a known underworld figure, and police had ruled out the possibility that the bomb was planted by Palestinian commandos.) The commando spokesman also said the commandos yesterday planted a bomb under an Israeli military vehicle in a market in the heart of Gaza. But it was discovered and detonated under the car, he added. The Israeli police spokesman said nine people have been arrested in connection with the Tiberias explosion.

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Regional Briefs

April 1 (R) — About 70 people died in Lebanon's last month compared with 130 in February, security officials said. The February figure was exceptionally high as fighting in North Lebanon in which about 60 people were killed. Some 40 explosions throughout the country in March included four children killed during artillery duels between Israeli-backed rightist militias and Palestinian leftists. At least 12 people also died in between the Shi'ite Muslim Amal movement and Pales-

April 1 (R) — East German leader Erich Honecker called for improved relations with Iran in personal talks with Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The high-ranking German leader said the first step was to "mutually beneficial ties and fruitful cooperation" between the two states, the official daily Neues Deutschland reported. East Germany, which cultivated good relations with the deposed Shah of Iran, has long been trying to link its ties with the new Iranian rulers and the state-media have voiced support for the seizure of American hostages in Tehran by radical students. So far the Iranian leadership has not reacted to the East German overtures.

April 1 (R) — General Lew Allen, chief of staff of the 1st Air Force, held talks here today with Moroccan air force officials. Gen. Allen's visit to Rabat follows a mission to sell 50 combat aircraft and other weapons to Morocco, which is involved in a guerrilla war with the Algerian Front in the Western Sahara. The aircraft, worth \$10 million, include 24 Hughes defender helicopters, 20 F-5Es and six OV-10 Bronco reconnaissance planes. The also supply Maverick air-to-surface missiles for the F-5 Gen. Allen will visit Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Nigeria

April 1 (Agencies) — Kuwait and Bulgaria have said they of the Gulf should be guaranteed by the countries of the without outside intervention, the Kuwait News Agency reported. The agency quoted a joint statement issued at the end of a three-day visit by Bulgarian Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov as saying: "The two sides declared their maintenance of security and stability in the Gulf responsibility of the countries of the region alone without intervention." Mr. Mladenov left for home yesterday only difference of opinion between Bulgaria and the Soviet Union over intervention in Afghanistan, a view shared by the Kuwaiti side. Mr. Mladenov said this difference of opinion would not hold up cooperation between the two countries in areas such as business, tourism, culture and sport.

April 1 (R) — Israel, Egypt and the United States are to carry out a search for an Israeli submarine that disappeared 12 years ago, the Israeli chief of staff said in a newspaper. The submarine Dakar with a crew of 69 was on its voyage to Israel from Britain, where it was built, when it was lost as it passed through the Mediterranean. Lt. Eitan Eitan, chief of staff, told the newspaper Maariv that he had already agreed to cooperate and allow a search in its waters if necessary. "Only the United States has the underwater equipment and our request has met a positive response," Gen. Eitan said. "We expect that a three-way search will be carried out, but no final decision has yet been taken."

April 1 (R) — Pakistan's former planning minister, Mr. Khورشيد Ahmad, was today quoted by a Saudi Arabian newspaper as saying that the United States has demanded military aid in return for military and economic aid. "But we rejected the aid offer which infringed upon the country's independence," he told the newspaper Al Madina in an interview. Pakistani ex-minister also said the \$400 million offered in aid and military aid was in the form of a high-interest loan which would burdened Pakistan's economy. He said U.S. aid to Israel exceeded two billion dollars although Israel, Pakistan, faced no threats from the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. "The required aid should reinforce the Islamic character of Pakistan, preserve its independence and help it face its difficulties," Professor Ahmad told the newspaper.

April 1 (R) — The United Arab Emirates and Australia signed a five-year agreement on economic and technical cooperation, including exchange of goods and services, the official news agency said. The agreement was signed by the UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister, Sheikh bin Ahmad Al Mualla. Under the agreement the two countries will expand trade and technical cooperation and give assistance to each other's companies, the agency said.

April 1 (R) — Yugoslavia will export 10,000 tonnes of baby beef, worth \$31 million, to Iraq by the end of this month, officials said here today. A contract to that effect was signed by a Yugoslav company in Baghdad, the officials added. The contract also provides for the export to Iraq of canned meat worth \$7 million, this year.

April 1 (R) — Spain and Morocco have agreed to extend their fishing agreement which expired yesterday. Negotiations on wider cooperation, officials said here today. They said the agreement was reached at a meeting here between Mr. Robles Piquer, Spanish secretary of state for foreign affairs, and Morocco's commerce and industry minister, Azeddine Guessous. The extension followed the failure in Madrid in the past two weeks to produce an overall agreement on various aspects of economic cooperation, the officials said. Spanish sources said Morocco wanted to link a new agreement with agreements to move 50,000 tonnes a year of citrus fruit across Spain, to rectify trade imbalances between Spain, and to regulate the status of Moroccan workers in Spain.

April 1 (R) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Sabah has received an invitation to visit Britain from Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. Kuwaiti officials said today. The invitation was delivered by the British ambassador in Kuwait, Mr. Sydney Cambridge. The date of the visit has yet to be decided.

Kuwait cuts output, rations oil supplies

KUWAIT, April 1 (R) — Kuwait announced today it was cutting by about 75 per cent the volume of oil it sells on contract to its three major western buyers, British Petroleum (BP), Gulf Oil of the United States and Royal Dutch Shell.

The three big oil companies will thus bear the brunt of an overall production cut from two million to 1.5 million barrels of oil daily which Kuwait put into effect today.

The Kuwaiti cut is the biggest among reductions being made from today by a number of members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

An oil ministry spokesman confirmed that the cut was taking an effect and also said that BP, Gulf and Shell would be able to buy a total of only 325,000 barrels of oil a day under new contracts compared with 1,310,000 barrels under previous agreements.

Oil industry analysts in London said the new contracts were evidence of a radical change in the pattern of world oil trading at the expense of the major international oil companies.

OPEC members were slowly eroding the previous near-monopoly of the major oil firms in favour of smaller independent companies, more government-owned companies and sales on the "spot" market where oil not under contract is traded, the analysts said.

The new contracts are for three years instead of the previous five and include the condition that half the oil must be transported in Kuwaiti tankers.

The Kuwaiti oil ministry declined to comment on prices in the contracts. Kuwait's official price is \$27.5 a barrel.

The authoritative Middle East Economic Survey, however, said earlier this week that Kuwait reportedly would charge an extra \$5.50 a barrel on the one-year supplementary supply which BP was to receive.

The oil analysts in London said BP's willingness to pay a premium reflected the anxiety of oil companies to have assured supplies of oil.

This was also reflected in Iran's decision effective today to raise its oil price by \$2.5 to \$33.50 a barrel at a time when spot market prices are depressed, they said.

The 25 per cent overall cut in Kuwait output, and reductions in Venezuela and Libya, mean total OPEC output is expected to fall to below 29 million barrels a day this year from 30.7 million last year.

But world-wide shortages should be avoided at present because of Saudi Arabia's decision this month to keep its production at a high 9.5 million barrels a day at least until July. The world's biggest oil exporter has a normal ceiling of 8.5 million barrels.

Meanwhile, the oil ministers of Algeria, Iran and Libya held a meeting in Algiers which the official Algerian News Agency (APS) said today was intended to coordinate their policies before the next OPEC conference.

It quoted the Libyan and Iranian ministers as advocating greater control over production levels.

All 13 OPEC members are due to hold their next price-fixing session in Algiers on June 9.

Coordination "applies particularly to a unified pricing policy to arrive at a fair price," Libyan Oil Minister Abdul Salam Zagar said.

The OPEC secretary general, Mr. Rene Ortiz, was quoted in Madrid today as saying producers would determine oil prices according to market forces, inflation and

Hand grenade injures Iraqi deputy prime minister Aziz

BEIRUT, April 1 (R) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz was wounded today in a grenade attack during a public meeting at Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. His attacker was killed by security forces.

Mr. Aziz, a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), was taken to hospital but released after treatment for superficial injuries, the agency said.

Besides Mr. Aziz, a number of students were slightly wounded when the attacker, identified as Samir Nour Ali, hurled a hand grenade at them.

The Iraqi agency, monitored in Beirut, said the attacker was killed immediately by the security men.

The attack was the first reported by Baghdad against an Iraqi leader since President Saddam Hussein took over the presidency last summer. Mr. Aziz is fourth in the Iraqi hierarchy behind the president, First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan and Deputy Prime Minister Naim Haddad.

Arafat urges Arabs to counter Jewish voting power in U.S.

BAHRAIN, April 1 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in a television interview last night urged the Arabs to counter the Jewish voting power in the United States.

"The power of a handful of Jewish votes in the American elections exceeds all the Arab influence, Arab petrol and Arab wealth. This cannot go on, the Arab nation must change this and we shall," Mr. Arafat said in the Qatar Television interview.

Attempts would be made to bury not just freeze the Middle East issue for the duration of the American elections, he said, adding "this situation must change and we can change it."

Mr. Arafat, who arrived in Bahrain last night after a brief visit to Qatar in course of a Gulf tour, said the PLO would not accept a "cosmetic" version of the security Council Resolution 242.

"It (the resolution) is a cancer and no one can make cancer pretty. We are against the 242... We want a new resolution... providing for our right to return, self-determination and set up an independent state on the Palestinian soil," Mr. Arafat said.

Mr. Arafat is touring the Gulf countries to brief the rulers on his visit to India last week which was crowned by India according full diplomatic status to the PLO office in New Delhi.

Mr. Arafat has already visited the United Arab Emirates and is expected to visit Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Egypt's parliament approves policy on Jewish settlements

CAIRO, April 1 (R) — Parliament today approved the Egyptian government's firm opposition to Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories and urged continued cooperation with the U.S. to persuade Israel to abandon its settlements policy.

A report by parliament's foreign relations committee said: "We support the Egyptian government's position and welcome its continued cooperation with the U.S. government against Israeli attempts to build new settlements."

An Egyptian government statement to parliament, reported by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said: "Jewish settlements are illegal and obstruct the peace process in the Middle East."

It said Egypt opposed the settlements because they violated the U.N. Charter and contradicted the Camp David accords of 1978 which set the framework for peace between Egypt and Israel.

The statement also said Israel made a verbal pledge at Camp David that it would suspend building settlements in the occupied territories during peace negotiations.

It said Israel's settlements policy "raises doubts about the real intentions of the Israeli government" towards peace in the Middle East.

Urges action to free Tehran hostages Carter tells Iran U.S. patience is not endless

WASHINGTON, April 1 — President Carter told Iran today his patience was not endless and Tehran.

Mr. Carter issued his warning a few hours after he deferred imposing new sanctions against Iran in the belief that the Iranian government would soon take control of the 50 hostages held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

He also said in a speech to an AFL-CIO labour movement group that no one in his administration had apologised to anybody in the Iranian government for U.S. policy towards Iran. This was because there was nothing to apologise for, he said.

Mr. Carter, who described the seizure of the hostages 150 days ago as an outrage, also said Iran faced the threat of Soviet aggression because of Moscow's military intervention in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Speaking to the building and construction trades department of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Carter said he had postponed new sanctions against Iran for the time being.

In an early morning statement before his speech, he said Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr had taken a positive step when he told a Tehran rally that the Iranian government would take control of the hostages if the United States ended pressure and propaganda against Iran.

Mr. Carter told reporters he had no public commitment from Mr. Bani-Sadr but White House officials said later they had private assurances indicating that the transfer would take place very soon.

In his remarks to the AFL-CIO group, Mr. Carter referred to the transfer of the hostages.

He had sent a message to revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini voicing understanding of the seizure of the hostages and expressing regret for U.S. policy towards Iran. During the weekend the White House flatly denied that any message had been sent to the ayatollah.

Saying he wanted to set the record straight, Mr. Carter declared to loud applause: "No one in the U.S. government has apologised to anyone in the government of Iran. The reason is that we have nothing for which to apologise."

Mr. Carter said Americans placed a high value on the lives and safety of the hostages, and that was not a sign of weakness on the part of a great power. "But our patience is not endless and the Iranian government must realise that failure to bring this outrage to an end is directly contrary to the best interests of ourselves and... to the best interests of the Iranian people," he said.

Officials indicated earlier that Mr. Carter's remark that Mr. Bani-Sadr had taken a positive step in the hostage crisis was the answer to the Iranian president's call for a formal "hands off Iran" declaration by the United States.

Mr. Bani-Sadr, addressing a

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill said later he had understood from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that the transfer of the hostages to the Iranian government was to take place immediately.

He said President Carter had told him and other congressional leaders yesterday that tremendous pressure was being put on Iran by other Muslim countries and Western European countries to free the hostages.

In Tehran, informed sources in contact with both sides said today Washington received advance assurance that President Bani-Sadr would agree to a transfer to government control of the American hostages.

The sources said the assurances accounted for President Carter's welcome of the move, despite the fact it was made conditional on a U.S. guarantee to avoid "propaganda" against Iran while the crisis was being resolved.

Agreement on the transfer was reached in contacts between the United States and Iran over the past few days and confirmed in a private message to Washington sent through the Swiss embassy in Tehran last night, the sources added.

The sources said a note was expected from Washington in the next 24 hours with further clarification of the U.S. position. President Bani-Sadr hoped to get down to organising the method of the transfer tomorrow, they added.

occupying the U.S. embassy said a transfer would only be possible if Ayatollah Khomeini agreed to the transfer.

Telecommunications Corporation Invitation to Tender for the Expansion of Telecommunication Services in the Governorates of Amman, Irbid, Balka, Zarka and the Jordan Valley Tender No. TCC 1/80

The Telecommunications Corporation of Jordan invites tenders for the procurement and installation of telephone exchanges, local networks, transmission systems and associated civil works to provide telecommunication services in the above mentioned areas. The project is to be implemented on an end-to-end turn-key basis.

The project will be funded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Jordanian-French Protocol (Telecommunication Sector).

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The Secretary of the Tender Committee
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2. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters in Amman is 1400 hours, Tuesday 1st July, 1980.
3. Bids should be submitted in four copies, each in a closed envelope sealed with red wax.
4. All bidders will be required to post a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total price of the offer issued from a Jordanian bank concurrent with the offer.

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His Highness Prince Hassan confers with Mrs. Anita Gradin and a team from the migrant workers and refugees committee of the Council of Europe. To the Prince's right is Minister of Reconstruction and Development Omar Nabulsi.

Prince Hassan confers with Council of Europe team

AMMAN, April 1 (JNA) -- His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today received Mrs. Anita Gradin, chairman of the migrant workers and refugees committee of the Council of Europe, and the delegation accompanying her.

His Highness reviewed the problem of Palestinian refugees. The Crown Prince also briefed the delegation on conditions of Arabs in the occupied territories and the oppression they are being subjected to designed to force them off the land.

Symposium to discuss family planning in Islam

AMMAN, April 1 (JNA) -- A symposium on population began at the Public Administration Institute here today.

Participants will discuss subjects pertaining to labour education, population information, manpower planning, food and the role of development information, as they pertain to Jordan. They will also review the outcome of the latest Jordanian census and the effect of population increase on health and family planning in Islam.

The four-day symposium is being attended by twenty participants representing a number of industrial institutions. It is being sponsored by the Ministry of Labour in cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

Debakey returns to Cairo

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 1 (JT) -- Dr. Michael Debakey, an Arab-American pioneer in heart surgery, left today for Cairo after a one-day visit here.

While in Amman, he toured the King Hussein Medical Centre, visited the cardiac unit there and met with doctors. Dr. Daoud Hananiya, director of Royal Medical Services, told the Jordan Times today. Dr. Debakey looked over the results of the hospital's cardiac work of the past ten years.

Exhibition of Islamic architecture in India

AMMAN, April 1 (JT) -- The Minister of Culture and Youth, Mr. Taher Hikmat, yesterday evening opened an exhibition of Islamic architecture in India.

The exhibition, which is being staged at the ministry's Art Gallery, has been organised by the Indian Embassy in cooperation with the ministry's Department of Culture and Arts to commemorate the fifteenth century of the Hijra.

On view are a series of black and white photographs showing the most noted examples of Indian Islamic architecture dating from the 12th century A.D. to the present day.

Islamic architecture in India is an interesting story of two seemingly opposite styles mingling with each other. With different customs among Hindus and Muslims, buildings of one style were bound to differ initially from each other.

The method of construction differed. The Muslim style was based

on arches, vaults and domes. The Hindu style employed pillars, lintels and pyramidal towers. Building materials differed. Decoration and ornaments differed. Hindu style was expressive of natural, particularly human, forms. Muslim decorations took the form of flat surface ornaments depicting geometrical and floral patterns, inscriptions, gilding and painting, tile-mosaic, inlay and pietra dura.

In different parts of India, and at different times, Muslims borrowed strength and grace typical of Hindu monuments and Hindus borrowed the conceptions of breadth and spaciousness and the method of spanning big spaces with arches and covering large areas with domes.

Walking round the gallery one can appreciate the finest example of this merging of two styles culminating in the greatest achievement, the Taj Mahal.

The exhibition runs daily through April 6.

The American press on Jewish presence in Hebron

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a selection of American newspaper editorial comment on the Israeli cabinet's recent decision to establish two Jewish residential schools in the centre of the occupied Arab city of Hebron on the West Bank:

LOS ANGELES TIMES: The Israeli government's latest regressive contribution to peace efforts in the Middle East has come in a cabinet decision to reestablish a Jewish presence in the occupied Arab city of Hebron.

In endorsing a plan to set up two Jewish schools in the heart of the city, the cabinet also cleared the way for the first direct Israeli intrusion into an occupied urban area. This stops a bit short of an earlier proposal to move Israeli families into Hebron, where 50,000 Arabs live, but the distinction is of small consequence. Instead of rubbing chilli powder into the wound of Palestinian nationalism, the Israeli government will settle for rubbing salt.

Begin says that he is asserting and acting on a principle. What he is doing in truth is manoeuvring his country into an ever deeper and ever more hazardous political isolation.

MIAMI HERALD: ...Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet threw more sand into the eyes of Israel's U.S. supporters on Sunday (March 23) by voting to permit, for the first time, Jews to settle in an Israeli-occupied Arab city....

The proposed Hebron settlements are of absolutely no security significance to Israel. Their significance is political, pure and simple. How sad that Mr. Begin is letting the settlements issue, which he terms a matter of principle, impede the real matter of principle, the quest for Mideast peace.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: ... The Begin cabinet's decision, on a vote of eight to six with three abstentions, if implemented, is certain to produce a backlash of resentment from Palestinians and from Arabs beyond the occupied territories. Where patient -- strong but dignified -- conciliation is needed, Mr. Begin and those who voted with him have made a provocative gesture which is certain to be interpreted as a signal that Israel is not willing to negotiate in good faith....

... All who yearn for peace in the Mideast must hope that the parliament will block the establishment of the schools and other formal settlements in Hebron.

THE WASHINGTON STAR: ... The detention of a West Bank mayor (Mr. Bassam Shak'a of Nabulus) last fall, the resignation of Moshe Dayan and his replacement as foreign minister by a well-known hardliner, and the declaration of intent to inject Israeli settlers into central Hebron -- all these developments no doubt served Mr. Begin's urge to settle the U.S. but they also strengthened the critics of the Camp David accord and reinforced their claim that Mr. Begin is not to be trusted....

Japanese imperial couple arrive

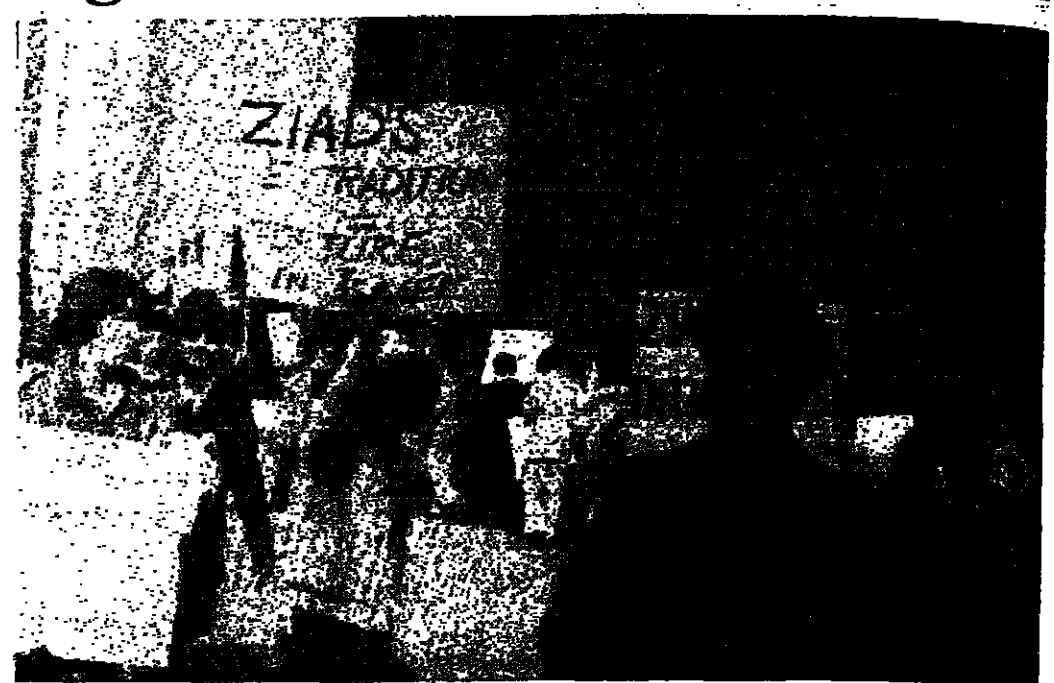
AMMAN, April 1 (JT) -- Their Highnesses Prince Takahito Mikasa of Japan and his wife Princess Yuriko Takagi arrived here this evening for a several-day visit to Jordan at the invitation of Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath.

A noted Near East scholar, the 64-year-old Japanese Prince has just finished participating in the First Biennial Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, held at Christ Church College, Oxford University. The conference was chaired by Prince Hassan.

Prince Mikasa, the youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito, will tour cultural and touristic sites in Jordan and meet with a number of officials.

He and his wife were received at Amman airport by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ed Ibn Zaid, Princess Majda, the acting minister of tourism, Dr. Zuhair Malhas, and Mr. Fumiyu Okada, the Japanese ambassador to Jordan.

Arab-Americans demonstrate against Abu 'Ein's extradition



A scene from a demonstration in support of Ziad Abu 'Ein outside the federal building in Chicago.

Special to the Jordan Times

CHICAGO, April 1 -- More than 150 Arab-Americans staged a sit-in at the Arab League building here yesterday and started a hunger strike in protest against the detention of Palestinian student Ziad Abu 'Ein and an order for his extradition to Israel.

Mr. Abu 'Ein, 19, also on a hunger strike, is being detained pending extradition by a Chicago District Court ruling. He is to stand trial in Israel for alleged resistance activity inside the occupied Arab territories.

Before the sit-in hundreds of demonstrators comprising Arabs and American supporters of the Arab cause marched in front of the federal building where the court is situated and the jail where Mr. Abu 'Ein is being held.

The demonstrators issued a statement denouncing Mr. Abu 'Ein's detention and calling for his immediate release.

The statement, telephoned to the Jordan Times today, said:

"As representatives of the Arab community and Arab organizations in the city of Chicago, we declare our denunciation of and protest against the arbitrary deci-

sion of the American authorities to extradite Ziad Abu 'Ein to Israel for trial there on groundless charges."

"We also declare our absolute support for Ziad Abu 'Ein and appeal to Arab kings, heads of state and Arab governments as well as all people of conscience in the Arab states, the occupied Arab territories and the world at large to assist us in confronting the conspiracy which is being hatched against our people inside the occupied territories and abroad and against the Israeli authorities' threats to strike at the Palestinian people wherever they are."

"In conclusion, we declare that we are on a hunger strike in support of Mr. Abu 'Ein who has also been on a hunger strike since Friday. We will continue the strike until he is released," the statement said, asking all people in the world "to foil the Zionist spy."

Mr. Abu 'Ein has been set for his return to Israel. His attorney reported yesterday: "He has been set for his return to Israel."

Meanwhile, the Women's Federation in Jordan app in letters to President Carter U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim to intervene and the United States from extra Mr. Abu 'Ein.

The federation said that it and possibly death awaits Abu 'Ein if he was extradited.

Fine Arts Centre students show considerable promise

Text and photos
by Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 1 — An exhibition of works by students at the Fine Arts Centre run by the Ministry of Culture might not sound like a thrilling affair to look forward to, but the diplomats, artists and patrons who thronged into the Goethe Institute on Monday evening for the opening were in for a pleasant surprise.

The overall standard of work on display, particularly the graphics, was unexpectedly high and revealed considerable promise in a number of students.

The show was opened by the Director General of the Department of Culture and Arts, Mr. Muhanna Durra, who is a former head of the centre himself. Another local artist, Mr. Hafez Qassab, the present head of the centre's art section, guided him around the display of paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and ceramics, representing the recent output of about 25 students including eight who have already left, some to study abroad.

Two of the former students are already familiar to local art-lovers through their own one-man exhibitions — Yousef Husseini and Yousef Badawi. Their works are among the most mature and skillfully executed in the show.

Mr. Badawi, whose recent painting exhibition revealed a certain talent as a colourist, has put on show three examples of fine draughtsmanship as well as an oil painting of a landscape which he has admirably succeeded in imbuing with a strange ethereal quality. Mr. Husseini is represented by one pencil drawing of a still-life, showing meticulous attention to

detail and thoughtful composition.

Neither of these artists has been abroad to study, unlike two classmates, Omar Hamdan and Abdul Hamid Rahhal (both now in Italy) who also display considerable promise. Mr. Hamdan for his bold semi-abstract use of colour and Mr. Rahhal for his portraiture. His one small study in brown and yellow of the face of an old man has a remarkable depth of expression.

The bulk of the exhibition is devoted to work by present students who, probably due to lack of any other materials, stick to traditional media throughout, favouring painting in oils or watercolour.

There is only one attempt at an abstract work, the rest being content to experiment in representationalism relying heavily on emotional effect through a dramatic use of colour. Despite a tendency to produce scenes in fiery hues lacking in form, few of the works can be dismissed as having no artistic merit. Recurrent themes include the dignity and sorrow of refugees and portraits of wistful young girls with unfortunately stereotyped near expressionless faces.

Two or three students dominate the exhibition. While their work contains inconsistencies, there is also strong evidence of talent enhanced by fine sensitivity.

One of the most prolific in output is Isam Jaradat, a 24-year-old government employee whose print of a musician reveals an ability to express human character not yet achieved in his oils. A desert scene depicting a bedouin holding on to a kneeling camel is striking for its composition and expression, in which he has rendered the clouds the same golden colour as the scorched land. Man and beast



Study of a nude; ink and wash by Yousef Badawi



Study of an old man's face by Abdul Hamid Rahhal

are crouched together, united against the harsh elements. His print of a harbour scene in greens and blues has similarly been executed in a sensitive skillful manner in which the medium has helped a good deal to impart a delicate spatial quality.

Abdul Razem, one of the students whose oil technique is not yet well developed, shows promise in a watercolour of pitchers lying near a well. Adnan Yahya's study of a frenzied horse has a remarkable dynamic quality, as does a large drawing depicting a Palestinian family fleeing their homeland.

In the sculpture section there are a few examples of merit, although not very striking. 'Eid Abu Yousef has a small figure of a man sculpted out of clay which manages nevertheless to convey a feeling of gigantic proportions reminiscent of Rodin's "Balzac". He explained that he is expressing revolutionary spirit in an old man (Palestinian) which cannot die in spite of the fact that he has his hands tied. Leila Haddad, one of the few female students, shows a genuine feel for the medium with her fine, fluid female nude in which the limbs flow into one another to form a harmonious whole.

The exhibition is showing daily at the Goethe Institute until April 5.



Flight from the homeland; pencil drawing by Adnan Yahya.



Nude by Leila Haddad.



Frenzied horse; pencil drawing by Adnan Yahya.



Landscape in oils by Isam Jaradat.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The "khamsin" weather will disappear today. Clouds will increase and a fall in temperature will occur with a chance of showers. The wind will be light and variable becoming southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba it will be partly cloudy. The wind southerly moderate with rough seas.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	308.50/310.50
U.K. sterling	664.20/668.20
West German mark	157.60/158.60
Swiss franc	166.20/167.20
French franc	68.40/68.80
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	34.10/34.30
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Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
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Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	100	1,450	1,450	1,450
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	100	2,560	2,560	2,560
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	87	12,750	12,750	12,750
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	4949	1,510	1,520	1,520
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	5000	1,820	1,800	1,800
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	344	2,240	2,220	2,240
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	300	1,500	1,500	1,500
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	800	14,000	14,000	14,000
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	300	1,450	1,450	1,450
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	40	125,000	125,000	125,000
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	1000	13,500	13,500	13,500
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 10,000	561	10,250	10,250	10,250
Arab Co. for Paper Manufacture and Production	JD 1,000	250	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	200	4,290	4,290	4,290
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	100	3,270	3,250	3,270
Jordan General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	446	1,390	1,390	1,390
Arab Co. for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	350	1,660	1,660	1,660
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	207	2,040	2,040	2,040
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	13000	1,030	1,030	1,030
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 1,000	150	0,920	0,920	0,920
Real Estate Finance Corporation	JD 2,000	100	2,780	2,780	2,780
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	4944	4,750	4,750	4,750
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	211	1,250	1,250	1,250
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	500	0,850	0,850	0,850
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	240	1,250	1,250	1,250
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	717	3,670	3,650	3,670
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	858	9,700	9,600	9,600

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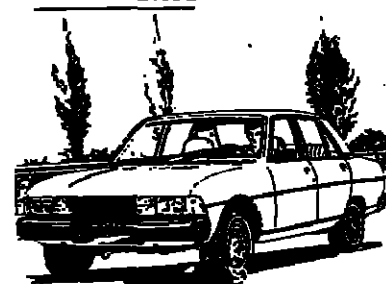


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Yen retreats as dollar firms

TOKYO, April 1 (Agencies) -- Japan tonight announced an agreement with the Swiss National Bank to support its sagging yen after a day of hectic trading on the foreign exchange market here in which the dollar climbed to a 30-month high against the Japanese currency.

The dollar closed at 253.70 yen, four yen higher than last night's 249.70 and also well up on this morning's opening rate of 250.10, dealers said. Heavy intervention by the Bank of Japan failed to steady the rate and at one point the dollar was changing hands at 253.80, its highest level since October 1977.

Today's trading reached a volume of \$1.11 billion. About half of this consisted of the \$600 million sold by the Bank of Japan in its unsuccessful attempts to reverse the rush to sell yen for dollars. This brought total Central Bank sales of dollars here since the beginning of last month to more than four billion, dealers said.

The dollar's strength was mainly caused by high U.S. interest rates. Running at about double those of Japan, they make the dollar a more profitable investment than the yen. The impact of President Carter's latest anti-inflation measures also helped the dollar.

By contrast, dealers said, today's activities on the Tokyo market indicated that currency holders were less than convinced that Japan's anti-inflation and yen-defence measures announced last month were working effectively. Bankers also noted that the dollar had recently risen more sharply against the yen and this also influenced the market against the yen.

After trading closed for the day, the Bank of Japan said it had concluded a 200 billion yen (nearly \$800 million) swap line agreement to defend the yen. The agreement, reached during a previously unannounced visit here by Swiss National Bank President Fritz Leutwiler, provides for Japan to borrow Swiss francs on a short-term basis for conversion into dollars which could then be

used by the Bank of Japan to step into the foreign exchange market to support its currency. The agreement is valid for a year and can be renewed after April 1981.

Banking sources commented later, however, that the limit of \$800 million meant the amount involved was too small to check the trend towards a stronger dollar and weaker yen. It compares with \$600 million which the bank offloaded on to the market in a few hours of business today.

Heavy Bank of Japan intervention on the market has bitten deeply into Japan's external reserves which fell in March by \$2.23 billion to \$18.54 billion, according to a finance ministry announcement. The intervention was one factor in bringing the reserves at the end of March to their lowest level since October 1977.

Restrictions proposed on U.S. gold sale

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) -- The U.S. government said yesterday that a bill to restrict the government's right to sell gold would undermine efforts to stabilize the dollar. Fred Bergsten, an assistant secretary of the treasury, said "authority to sell gold has been extremely valuable in strengthening our balance-of-payments position and containing the exchange market difficulties that have arisen over the past few years."

Senator Jesse Helms has introduced a bill that would ban the Treasury Department from selling gold without congressional approval.

Carter budget disputed

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) -- Economists in and out of government believe U.S. inflation will be worse in 1980 than it was last year despite President Jimmy Carter's latest efforts, including a revised budget aimed at eliminating deficit spending. And the analysts said in interviews that they expected a recession considerably more severe than the president and his advisers are forecasting.

"Things really are looking terrible out there," said a congressional budget analyst who asked not to be identified. "I think the administration is grossly underestimating the problems and will have to 'eat' this budget the same way it did the earlier one."

And both Mr. Robert Gough, chief forecaster for Data Resources Inc. in Lexington, Massachusetts, and Mr. Lawrence Chimerine, chairman of Chase Economies in Baltimore, Maryland, said Mr. Carter's latest inflation forecast of 12.8 per cent for this year was at least a percentage point too low.

"Energy prices, and mortgage rates just aren't going to come down that much," said Mr. Gough. Added Mr. Chimerine: "The president is too optimistic. He has added some (to inflation) with his new gas tax...and we're

going to see some acceleration in wage rates now that he has eased up on the wage guidelines."

Reaction from the stock market was equally pessimistic. "I don't think Mr. Carter has any credibility on Wall Street, so I don't think whatever he says will have an effect," said Mr. Alan C. Poole, an analyst at the investment house of Laidlaw, Adams and Peck.

Mr. Carter on Monday formally unveiled his new "restrained and austere" budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. It came less than two months after he had issued a fiscal 1981 spending blueprint that he termed "prudent and responsible." The revision was prompted in good part by the speed-up in inflation to an annual rate of 18 per cent in the first two months this year, Mr. Carter's advisers have said.

Mr. Carter's latest budget proposal slashes \$17.2 billion in planned government spending as part of an effort to "produce a sig-

nificant decline in inflation as the year progresses." Coupled with planned increases in revenues from the president's new energy import taxes and other tax-raising measures, the cuts would leave a budget surplus of \$16.5 billion.

That would be the largest budget surplus in the nation's history, surpassing the \$12 billion surplus in 1948. And it would mark the first year since 1969 that the government did not spend more than it collected in revenues. Because deficit spending is considered inflationary, balancing the budget should help to slow the price spiral. In addition, Mr. Carter has imposed credit controls to slow consumer spending and stepped up his voluntary wage and price guidelines programme.

But outside economists point out the president's goals won't be realised if the economic assumptions underlying the new budget are incorrect, as the analysts believe.

Chase raises interest rates to 19.75%

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP) -- America's Chase Manhattan Bank today raised its prime rate to 19 3/4 per cent, leapfrogging over the rate announced by other banks. Two other major banks today increased their prime lending rates 1/4-point to 19 1/2 per cent, matching the level announced by Bank of America and most others last week.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 1 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today:

One sterling	2.1435/50	U.S. dollar
One Canadian dollar	83.50/53	U.S. cents
One U.S. dollar	1.9720/30	West German marks
	2.1500/20	Dutch guilders
	1.8690/8710	Swiss francs
	31.53/58	Belgian francs
	4.5350/5425	French francs
	910.50/911.50	Italian lire
	254.40/60	Japanese yen
	4.5230/40	Swedish crowns
	5.2205/15	Norwegian crowns
	6.0980/1000	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	503.00/507.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 1 (R) -- The market closed higher after relatively quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 5.3 at 432.3.

Hopes of an early settlement to the steel dispute buoyed sentiment, dealers added. Gains up to 11p were shown by industrials and banks while oil finished up to 8p higher.

Government bonds were also helped by the exhaustion of the long "tap" stock and closed as much as 1/4 point firmer. Gold shares advanced with the bullion price while U.S. and Canadian stocks also ended higher.

Fisons gained 11p while ICI and Glaxo both firmed 8p. Among banks, Lloyds, Midland and Natwest all added 10p with Barclays rising 5p. Oils had BP and Ultramar 8p stronger and Shell 6p higher. Guthrie Corp rose 50p as bid speculation continued. GKN, which reports annual figures tomorrow, was a penny higher at 259.

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S (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Schedule your activities you can easily gain your aims. Remove stumbling the path of progress.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tate poses boxing championship to Weaver

NEW YORK, April 1 (R) -- Mike Weaver grabbed John Tate's heavyweight title in a stunning upset, but Larry Holmes successfully defended his version of the heavyweight crown when he stopped Leroy Jones last night.

In a boxing extravaganza that featured five world title fights in three cities, 27-year-old Weaver made the biggest news. He shocked the crowd in Knoxville when he bounced back from the brink of defeat to knock out Tate in the 15th and final round and claim the World Boxing Association (WBA) title.

In Las Vegas Holmes, 30, retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) crown against the ponderous Jones when the referee stopped the fight in the eighth round.

Weaver, weighing 207.5 pounds, knocked the six-foot four-inch, 232-pound Tate senseless with only 45 seconds left in the 15th and final round. A right uppercut to the body, followed by two crushing left hooks to the jaw and a solid right cross to the head sent the champion crashing. He laid unconscious for five minutes.

Weaver said later: "All I heard before the fight was how Tate would fight Ali. Ali has always been my idol. I love the man and respect him, but I'll fight him and then fight Holmes."

Weaver also thought that fighting in front of his hometown fans proved to be a disadvantage to Tate. "I think the crowd cost Tate the fight with all that yelling," Weaver said. Tate's last defeat was in his amateur days in a first round knockout by Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Meanwhile in Las Vegas Jones was peppered with stinging left jabs and solid left-right combinations to head and body in the eight round. A barrage of unanswered punches finally prompted the referee to stop the fight.

Jones said he had suffered from influenza and bronchitis just before coming to Las Vegas for the fight. "Holmes is a dirty fighter. His best punch is his thumb," he said.

This was Holmes' sixth defence in 21 months since he out-pointed Ken Norton to win the title in June, 1978. The champion and promoter King indicated that American Scott Ledoux would be Holmes' next opponent.

Grand Prix veteran feared paralysed

LONG BEACH, April 1 (R) -- Swiss driver Clay Regazzoni, who crashed in the U.S. Grand Prix (West), was in good spirits though he knew he could lose the use of his legs, a hospital spokeswoman said here today.

Regazzoni, 40, injured his spine when his British-built Ensign car crashed at 240 kph (150 mph) during Sunday's race here. He hit a parked racing car, shot into the air and landed head on in a pile of rubber tyres and a fence.

Regazzoni, a 10-year Grand Prix veteran and the oldest driver on the circuit, was in a satisfactory condition after a five-hour operation to relieve pressure on the spine, and set a fractured leg, the spokeswoman said.

The race was won by Nelson Piquet, a 27-year-old Brazilian, who led from start to finish over the 80 laps round the streets of this sunbaked port for his first Grand Prix victory.

Regazzoni was trapped in his wrecked Ensign N-180 car for 25 minutes before rescue workers could cut him loose.

On the other hand, the International Motor Sport Federation (FIS) yesterday instructed its formula one and technical committees to study urgent measures to improve security.

The federation said this crash and those involving Marc Surer of Switzerland and Frenchman Alain Prost during the South African Grand Prix on March 2 "showed that some manufacturers' sacrifice the cockpit's and the whole car's solidity to speed."

The situation demanded prompt action, they added, and the two committees were instructed to propose measures to the FIS executive meeting on April 15 in Rio De Janeiro.

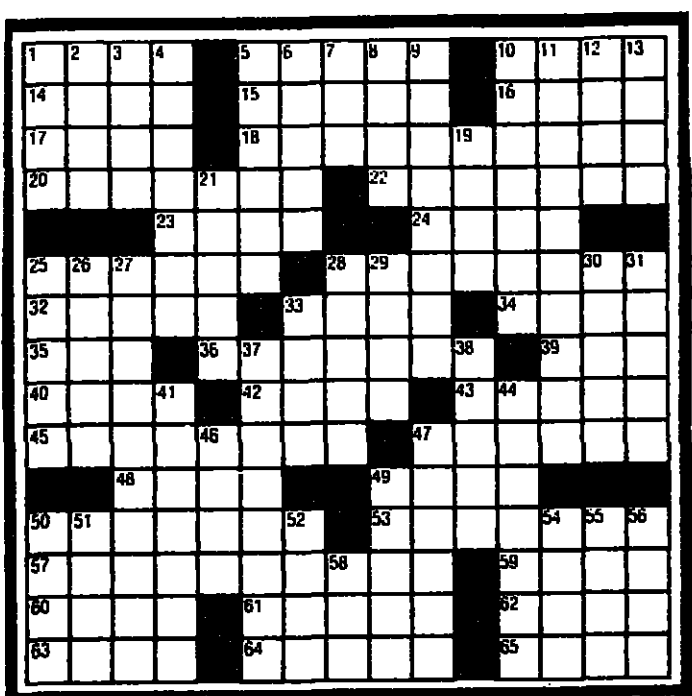
Avalanche kills three mountaineers

KATMANDU, Nepal April 1 (AP) -- Three members of an Australian expedition team died in an avalanche as they were climbing the 7,640-metre Annapurna III in west Nepal, the Ministry of Tourism announced today.

The victims were identified as Stafford James Morse, 27, a farm worker from Inverell, New South Wales, Nicholas David Reeves, 27, a lawyer from Camerwell, and Richard John Schmidt, an Australian who had been living in Wellington, New Zealand.

THE Daily Crossword by Edward M. Gallen Jr.

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led a spade.
"Taut and tense, the Rabbit went up with dummy's ace and ruffed a spade. The queen of clubs followed, and then the jack. Both held. The third club took him to dummy and allowed him to ruff another spade with his remaining trump. Next came a heart to the ace and three rounds of trumps. When Papa showed out, the Rabbit shook his head ruefully. The Walrus had more trumps than dummy, and there was a heart to lose as well. It didn't seem to matter which of the remaining cards he played next, but the eight of hearts was nearest his thumb, so he flicked it to the center of the table.

"With nothing left but trumps, the Walrus was compelled to ruff and to lead a trump from his 10-6 into dummy's J-7.

"The Rabbit didn't like to say anything, but he felt sure the defense had slipped up badly.

"Curious hand," observed Oscar the Owl, "despite a 6-0 trump break, a slam is possible only in diamonds."

"So long as it is played the wrong way round," pointed out Peregrine the Penguin. "If Timothy is declarer, Walter can upset the applecart by opening a trump."

"Why did you double, Papa?" asked the Walrus. "You only had 7 points."

"Because you had six trumps, and I knew it on the bidding," replied the Greek. "Surely you don't expect me to let them off?" The Walrus felt sure there was a flaw in the argument, but for the moment he could not spot it.

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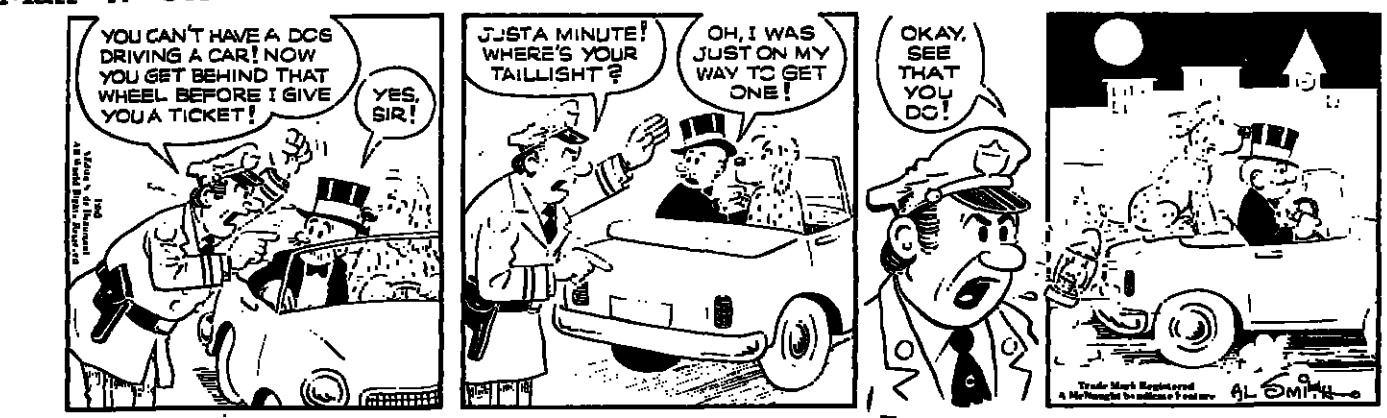
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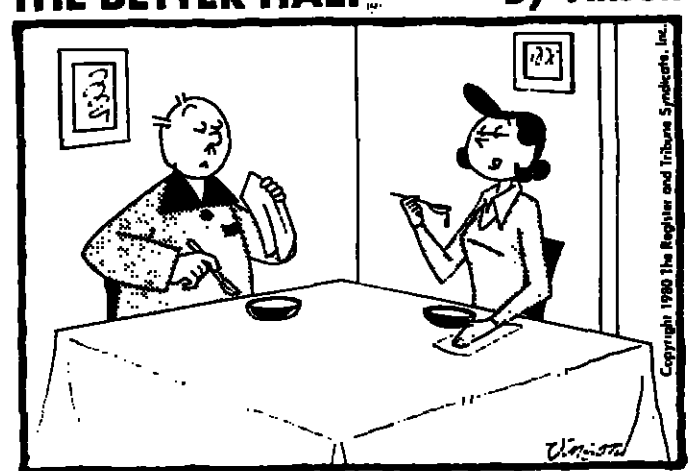
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To create \$16.5 bn budget surplus Carter proposes big cuts in U.S. spending

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R) — President Carter proposes to slash planned U.S. Government spending on everything from defence on down in a drive to curb inflation and create a record \$16.5 billion budget surplus.

Unveiling the details of his ambitious 1981 budget-cutting blueprint yesterday, the president said such belt tightening is essential if the United States is to start controlling its current 18 per cent annual inflation rate.

Mr. Carter, who also said he expects a mild U.S. economic recession later this year, predicted a fierce fight with Congress over spending cuts that are bound to be controversial in this election year.

Vance: U.S. disappointed by allies' response to call for boycott of Olympics

PARIS, April 1 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance says that Washington is disappointed by its allies' response to President Carter's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

"I think it is unfortunate that there seems to be a lack of clarity among our allies as to what their position will be," Mr. Vance said in a French television interview broadcast last night.

The Olympic boycott — proposed by Mr. Carter in reprisal for Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan — came under criticism from an unexpected quarter yesterday.

Mr. Ronald Reagan, the right-wing Republican who leads the field to challenge Mr. Carter for the presidency in November, said

17 more bodies recovered from oil rig disaster

OSLO, April 1 (Agencies) — Seventeen more victims have been found dead on the seabed near the offshore platform Alexander Kieland which capsized in the North Sea last Thursday, killing 123 of the 212 oilmen aboard at the time of the accident, Stavanger police reported today.

Sixty-seven bodies have been recovered and divers are searching for 56 still missing in the Edda oilfield area.

Many of those missing after the world's worst offshore oil industry disaster may be trapped inside the 10,000-ton overturned platform. The divers have not yet entered the platform, which was a floating hotel for workers.

The platform capsized after one of its five steel legs was broken off during a storm. The ruptured leg was towed to Stavanger and thoroughly inspected by the four-member Norwegian commission of inquiry yesterday.

It was also checked by experts from Det Norske Veritas classification society for ships and oil-rigs and from Phillips Petroleum Company, who had chartered and operated the Norwegian-owned and French-built structure.

The commission, headed by District Judge Thor Næshheim, also is working aboard Alexander Kieland's sister platform, the just-completed Henrik Ibsen, to study construction details.

"We will not come up with any indications about the possible reason for the accident before all our work has been completed," Judge Næshheim told the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang today.

The possibility of salvaging the platform and towing it away from the Edda field to Stavanger without damaging pipelines is also being analyzed by Phillips and maritime experts.

Yesterday, in a message of condolence to the families of the dead, Norway's King Olav said: "Every Norwegian woman and man bears in his consciousness the incomprehensible tragedy which has taken place in the North Sea."

Infant deaths rose sharply near site of Three Mile Island nuclear accident

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, April 1 (R) — Infant mortality rose sharply near the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant following the worst U.S. nuclear accident there a year ago, the state's health agency said yesterday.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health said infant mortality had increased in a 16-kilometre area around the plant during the six months following the March 28, 1979 accident. But, the department said, the cause and significance of the increase were not known yet.

Between April and September 7 there were 20 deaths among

children under one year old. During the same period in 1978 there were 14. But in the six months after the accident, there were 31, about twice the state average.

Dr. MacLeod, a University of Pittsburgh professor who was Pennsylvania's secretary of health at the time of the accident and who first made the figures public yesterday, said: "It is highly unlikely that radiation directly caused the increase. But we ought to go looking for causes."

The health department initially denied that the figures quoted by Dr. MacLeod existed. But a few hours later, a spokesman acknowledged that the 16-kilometre

radius figures had been in the department for more than a week. Dr. MacLeod was dismissed from his job last October by Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh, who cited "differences in institutional style."

The doctor is not opposed to nuclear energy, which he says is as safe as or safer than many other forms of energy. He said accident-related psychological stress among pregnant women might have caused the death rate increase.

But Dr. MacLeod said thyroid disorders that could be radiation-related also increased around Three Mile Island.

When the president announced two weeks ago that he intended to remodel his original 1981 budget proposal, he said he would aim for a \$13 billion surplus. The original budget foresaw a \$15.8 billion deficit.

This one would finance \$611.5 billion in spending with \$628 billion in revenues, boosted partly by new fees on imported oil.

The list of proposed spending reductions — totalling \$15 billion — included a \$1 billion cut in the amount originally intended to be spent on defence next year.

The savings would lower the overall defence budget to about \$141 billion. They would be achieved by such means as reducing planned purchases of aircraft and other weapons and cutting back on military research.

Many analysts had assumed that the heightened concern for national security, brought about by the Iran and Afghan crises, would put defence beyond the reach of the budget-cutters.

Examples of other proposed reductions included a \$2.2 billion cut in anti-recession aid to states and cities, a real hot potato in an election year, potential reductions in government worker pensions and delay in welfare reform plans.

Hours unless there are at least three people in their car. Transport Workers Union (TWU) President John Lawe refused to speculate on the how long the strike might last, saying only: "If we get a decent contract, we'll be happy to go back tomorrow."

Mr. Lawe said management's last wage offer had been a six per cent increase per year over two years. But he declined to say what figure would be necessary to convince his members to return to their jobs.

Financial experts have estimated that the strike could cost New York \$140 million a day. Veterans of the transport strike which paralyzed the city for 12 days in 1966 prepared for the worst yesterday by booking up every available hotel room in the city, and shops reported a rush to buy or rent bicycles.

The strikers have said they do not consider themselves bound by the frequently broken Taylor Law which forbids strikes by public employees, nor would they heed a court injunction forbidding the strike.

An added complication to the expected chaos on the roads was a threat by toll takers on bridges and tunnels leading into Manhattan Island — the heart of the city — to stage a go-slow in an entirely separate dispute.



President Carter

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But they said despite what appeared to be the emergence of a loose coalition against Mr. Habre, his forces were the best disciplined and organised and there was no sign of a change in the battle line dividing the city.

The officials said they now saw little hope for a ceasefire, which Red Cross officials have been trying to organise to evacuate civilians and wounded. They said the factions appeared determined to settle the power struggle which has kept the country in almost 15 years of intermittent civil war.

The Red Cross said today it was evacuating the central hospital caught in the middle of fighting in N'Djamena, and would set up a field hospital in a safer zone to cope with "the enormous flood of wounded."

The Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said a five-member team would fly out tonight to reinforce its team in N'Djamena. Wounded in the central hospital, estimated to number 1,000, would be taken to Kousséri in Cameroon.

A pilot evacuation of wounded soldiers by barge had started yesterday and would continue today. Wounded civilians would be taken by road through the frontlines to Farcha, a field hospital, and then by boat to Kousséri.

The ICRC said that French medical teams started work there today. A field hospital would also be set up in N'Djamena where security conditions permitted.

'Tens of thousands' have fled fierce fighting in Chad capital

PARIS, April 1 (R) — Tens of thousands of refugees have fled N'Djamena, the war-shattered capital of Chad, while rival factions appear locked in a fight to the finish for control, French officials reported.

They said more than 80,000 refugees had fled across the Chari River on N'Djamena's southern outskirts into neighbouring Cameroon during ten days of fierce fighting.

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Kansas, Wisconsin primaries should gauge extent of Kennedy's revived bid

CHICAGO, April 1 (R) — The U.S. presidential election campaign returns to America's mid-west today and the results should measure the extent of Senator Edward Kennedy's revived bid to replace President Carter in the White House.

Primary elections in the states of Kansas and Wisconsin will show whether Mr. Kennedy's upset victories over President Carter in last month's New York and Connecticut primaries were just an

aberration, or the turn of the tide against Mr. Carter.

Jewish anger over U.S. support for a strongly-worded United Nations resolution condemning Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory was a major factor in Mr. Carter's unexpected defeat in New York.

A victory in the unpredictable and liberal-leaning state of Wisconsin could give Mr. Kennedy's challenge nationwide credibility and make him a serious threat to

Mr. Carter.

The president should win traditionally conservative Kansas, but could suffer a backlash from the farm vote in the nation's biggest wheat-growing state. His decision to embargo food exports to the Soviet Union because of the situation in Afghanistan is largely blamed for declining grain prices.

Mr. Ronald Reagan, the 69-year-old former California governor who easily leads the Republican race, should win comfortably in Kansas. His challengers are Congressman John Anderson of Illinois and Mr. George Bush, a former ambassador to the United Nations.

Mr. Kennedy could be hurt in Wisconsin by the last-ditch campaign of the third Democratic candidate, California Governor Jerry Brown. Mr. Brown has been travelling throughout the state for over three weeks and is hoping that the large student vote will rescue his floundering campaign.

The Wisconsin contest is also an open primary in which voters are free to cross party lines.

In the last midwest primary in neighbouring Illinois two weeks ago, a number of registered Democratic voters switched to Mr. Anderson because of lingering doubts over Mr. Kennedy's behaviour in the 1969 Chapquiddick incident when his young female companion drowned in a car accident.

Most of the casualties resulted from panic when leftists opened fire on the square, not from the actual bullets, the junta said.

Leftists said the panic broke out when a bomb was thrown from the side of the national palace, which fronts the square, and that snipers at top buildings nearby began firing.

Authorities said eight bombs went off in the northeastern residential neighbourhood of Colonia Escalon, but most appeared aimed at businesses.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or the extent of damage. Two armoured personnel carriers were seen rumbling toward the neighbourhood shortly after the bombings late last night, and then leaving shortly after midnight.

Armed leftists and rightists in this tiny Central American republic have launched a wave of violence against the ruling military-civilian junta, which is trying to implement land reforms and bank nationalisation on the one hand while cracking down on leftists in the countryside on the other.

South, North Korea talks disrupted by accusations

PANMUNJOM, Korea, April 1 (AP) — South and North Korea accused each other today of trying to wreck their current rapprochement dialogue.

The verbal clash came in the fifth working-level meeting on North Korea's proposal to arrange a conference of the two sides' premiers to discuss reunification of the divided nation. The session was held "in the most tense atmosphere," one Seoul delegate said.

Chief Seoul delegate Kim Young-choo accused the communist North of "unpardonable armed provocations" during the past week. He said these actions "seriously dampened the atmosphere" for the preliminary talks.

His Pyongyang counterpart, Mr. Hyon Jun-guk, denied the charges, saying they were fabricated by Seoul to find an excuse to break off the dialogue in view of its internal situation.

Mr. Lee, one of three Seoul delegates, speculated that it might reflect a possible division, with leaders of the North Korean Workers (Communist) Party opting for a dialogue with the South and the military against it.

The United Nations command in Seoul has asked for a meeting of the Korean Military Armistice Commission in this true village to discuss the alleged communist provocations. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

South Korea has reported that three communist infiltrators were killed near Seoul on March 23 and that South Korean gunboats sank a North Korean spy boat two days later in a battle off the east coast of South Korea.

It also said last Thursday that three North Korean infiltrators fired on South Korean guards in the demilitarised zone, killing one and wounding another.

Sanjay Gandhi (Gamma photo)

NEW DELHI — Sanjay Gandhi. The mention of his name stirs deep emotions among Indians that vary from intense dislike to blind adoration.

While standing trial in a number of criminal cases on charges including assault and battery against a police official, he is considered by some political commentators to be India's most powerful figure after his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Sanjay, 33, who favours the homespun cotton clothes popularised by Indian independence leaders like his grandfather, the late prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, is one of his mother's closest advisers.

Opposition leaders charge that he is grooming him as a successor, which Mrs. Gandhi denies. His critics, however, persist in calling him the "Crown prince."

Sanjay's influence in national politics surfaced during the 1975-77 state of emergency proclaimed by Mrs. Gandhi. Although he did not hold an official post at the time, he wielded enormous power.

He inspired a controversial birth control programme which led to many coerced sterilisations and, ultimately, a voter backlash against his mother in the 1977 general election.

However, 33 months of bickering, do-nothing government under Prime Ministers Morarji Desai and Charan Singh helped erode memories of emergency abuses and Mrs. Gandhi returned to power in a landslide election victory last January.

Sanjay won his first seat in parliament then and has since emerged as a vocal member. Even his supporters admit he now wields power disproportionate to his position as one of 528 members of the ruling lower house.

Opposition members charge that he is screening appointments of senior career bureaucrats and influencing the transfer of police officials who have investigated some of the criminal cases against him.

There is widespread speculation in New Delhi, India's hotly politicised capital, that Sanjay might be tapped as a cabinet minister this summer following important state elections.

Prominent officials like Home Minister Zail Singh, who is responsible for police and internal security, openly court the favour of Mrs. Gandhi's powerful son.

"Sanjay is my patron," Mr. Singh acknowledged recently in an interview with an Indian magazine. "Even when he was not a member of parliament, I was impressed by his qualities of leadership."

Critics claim he helped mastermind the toppling of nine freely-elected state governments. "He has constituted himself as an extra-constitutional authority," charged Mr. Banarsi Das, the ousted chief minister of mammoth Uttar Pradesh state.

Rarely free of controversy, Sanjay, the scion of what detractors call the "Nehru dynasty," rarely meets journalists. He told the Associated Press: "I'm sorry but I don't give press interviews at all."

He first made newspaper headlines in the early 1970s when he was granted a normally difficult to

World News Briefs

PAPEETE, Tahiti, April 1 (R) — The kidnapped son of a leading French financier has been found dead and two suspects have been detained, police on this French Polynesian island said tonight. The said the mutilated body of Olivier Breaud, 26, who was abducted last Wednesday, was found buried in a hilly suburb of Papeete. Police identified the suspects as two French-born businessmen, Mr. Yves Goff, 37, and Mr. Daniel Chelle, 40, who had just started a textile factory in Papeete. Police alleged the pair demanded \$2.5 million for the release of their prisoner, and later told detectives they intended to use the money to develop their firm. Police alleged Olivier Breaud was lured into a remote villa by Mr. le Goff's wife, and then fatally by the two men. They apparently did not intend to kill him, detective said. The victim had represented his father's wide business and banking interests. His half-sister, Francine Breaud, is married to French pop singer Sacha Distel.

UNITED NATIONS, April 1 (R) — The General Assembly Committee against Apartheid yesterday proposed that May 20 be observed as a special day to promote the campaign for an oil embargo against South Africa. Mr. Alporode Clark of Nigeria, committee chairman, appealed to governments to issue statements on that day in support of an oil boycott. He noted that an international seminar, Amsterdam earlier this month called for such an observance. Some Africa used to obtain most of its oil from Iran, which stopped supply after the revolution that overthrew the Shah. It has turned more to the production of oil from coal.

HONG KONG, April 1 (AP) — The chairmanship of China's Communist Party has been limited to a maximum of three five-year terms, a pro-communist Hong Kong magazine reported today. The magazine, Cheng Ming, said the decision was reached at the plenary session of the central committee of the party in February. It called the decision "epoch-making and revolutionary" because Chinese leaders from "feudalistic times to the present" had always been given life-long terms. Mao Tse-tung served as party chairman from 1949 until his death in 1976, a period of 33 years. The article attributed information to sources in Peking. It followed Vice-Premier Li Xiannian's statement to Governor Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania last month that party posts no longer will be held for life, in order "to give opportunity to younger people." Mr. Li, 75, said the decision aimed the constitution accordingly was made at the plenary session. He did not give the age limit for party leaders.

NEW DELHI, India, April 1 (AP) — Mother Teresa, the 1979 Nobel Peace prize winner who has been described as a "living saint," is up. The frail Roman Catholic nun said today she would not sit any more functions honouring her because they have taken up much of her time since she received the award last October, the United News of India reported from Lucknow, North India. "The prize has fallen on me after I received the Nobel prize in 1979. It is a normal work of service to the poor and I have decided to participate in any more receptions," she told reporters at Jyotnagar leprosy home, run by her Missionaries of Charity or the 69-year-old Mother Teresa surprised her Norwegian hosts she declined to have a banquet dinner held in her honour, saying that the estimated cost be donated to the poor. They obliged. Since returning to India, she has been kept busy receiving awards from government leaders and speaking on behalf of the poor.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, April 1 (R) — An electrician with an I.Q. of 167 was sentenced to 15 years jail here at weekend for thefts which netted him jewels worth \$135 million. The sentence the detective who finally outwitted him told the press: "I enjoyed working against such a pro. He's a superb electronics genius with an I.Q. of 167, and to top it all, he believes in violence. He never carried a gun." During the past years, Mr. John MacClean was responsible for burglaries along U.S. eastern seaboard from Maine to the Florida Keys. Detective Arthur McLellan said: "In the end I think he just stole for the thrill. He had everything... a helicopter, a seaplane, a 33-foot off-road racing boat, luxury cars and several homes." It was while robbing home of a doctor that Mr. MacClean made his big mistake. Special radio warned him that he had tripped a silent alarm and police were on their way. In his haste to escape, he left the home-made radio behind. Detective McLellan spent the next months tracing the radio's crystals back to their manufacturer who finally agreed to arrest Mr. MacClean.

Mrs. Gandhi's controversial son

NEW DELHI — Sanjay Gandhi. The mention of his name stirs deep emotions among Indians that vary from intense dislike to blind adoration.

While standing trial in a number of criminal cases on charges including assault and battery against a police official, he is considered by some political commentators to be India's most powerful figure after his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Sanjay, 33, who favours the homespun cotton clothes popularised by Indian independence leaders like his grandfather, the late prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, is one of his mother's closest advisers.

Opposition leaders charge that he is grooming him as a successor, which Mrs. Gandhi denies. His critics, however, persist in calling him the "Crown prince."

Sanjay's influence in national politics surfaced during the 1975-77 state of emergency proclaimed by Mrs. Gandhi. Although he did not hold an official post at the time, he wielded enormous power.

He inspired a controversial birth control programme which led to many coerced sterilisations and, ultimately, a voter backlash against his mother in the 1977 general election.

However, 33 months of bickering, do-nothing government under Prime Ministers Morarji Desai and Charan Singh helped erode memories of emergency abuses and Mrs. Gandhi returned to power in a landslide election victory last January.

Sanjay won his first seat in parliament then and has since emerged as a vocal member. Even his supporters admit he now wields power disproportionate to his position as one of 528 members of the ruling lower house.

Opposition members charge that he is screening appointments of senior career bureaucrats and influencing the transfer of police officials who have investigated some of the criminal cases against him.

There is widespread speculation in New Delhi, India's hotly politicised capital, that Sanjay might be tapped as a cabinet minister this summer following important state elections.

Prominent officials like Home Minister Zail Singh, who is responsible for police and internal security, openly court the favour of Mrs. Gandhi's powerful son.

"Sanjay is my patron," Mr. Singh acknowledged recently in an interview with an Indian magazine. "Even when he was not a member of parliament, I was impressed by his qualities of leadership."

Critics claim he helped mastermind the toppling of nine freely-elected state governments. "He has constituted himself as an extra-constitutional authority," charged Mr. Banarsi Das, the ousted chief minister of mammoth Uttar Pradesh state.

Rarely free of controversy, Sanjay, the scion of what detractors call the "Nehru dynasty," rarely meets journalists. He told the Associated Press: "I'm sorry but I don't give press interviews at all."

He first made newspaper headlines in the early 1970s when he was granted a normally difficult to



Sanjay Gandhi (Gamma photo)

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